

## **UFCW Principles on Quality and Affordable Health Care Reform**

Congress is working on legislation to provide quality and affordable health care benefits -from prevention through care for serious conditions- for all Americans.

Americans must have the peace of mind of knowing that a job will come with health insurance and if you are self-employed or not working that you'll still have affordable coverage. Plus, insurance companies shouldn't be able to deny coverage or raise rates because of pre-existing conditions.

The UFCW is fighting for three main principles that must be included in any healthcare reform legislation.

### **American workers deserve quality health coverage through their workplace.**

- ✓ This coverage should include good benefits: prevention, access to doctors, hospitalization coverage, prescription drugs, mental health and dental and vision care.
- ✓ Your employer will be responsible for paying a reasonable share of the premium for health insurance or contributing to a new health care "exchange" where you and your family will be able to pick from a range of health plans.

### **American workers must have a choice of enrolling in a public health insurance plan.**

- ✓ The public option will enable patients to keep their own doctor, regardless of changes in employment or health.

- ✓ The plan will increase affordability and provide better care to patients by driving innovation in the quality of care doctors provide.
- ✓ The plan will remove access barriers to quality care among underserved, rural and minority communities.
- ✓ The public option will provide Americans the peace of mind that their quality, affordable coverage will always be there, no matter what.

**American Workers must have access to plans that are affordable.**

- ✓ Imposing taxes upon workers for their healthcare plans adds additional burdens to working families and UFCW strongly opposes this proposed financing option.
- ✓ Older workers, workers with medical problems and workers with family coverage deserve to have their healthcare costs lowered and not be taxed on their benefits.

